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## MIDWEST LIVESTOCK REVIEW and RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Choice and Prime slaughter steers sold strong to 75¢ higher pursuing an upward trend for the second straight week. However, Standard and Good steers were steady to 25¢ lower. Slaughter heifers were steady to 50¢ higher with most advance on Choice and Prime. Cows were steady to mostly 50¢ higher. Feeder cattle and calves sold steady to 50¢ higher in an active trade. Barrows and gilts closed steady to 50¢ lower. Sows were steady to 25¢ lower at western Corn Belt markets but steady to 25¢ higher, instances 50¢ up in the eastern part of the area. Slaughter lamb prices were steady to 25¢ higher.

**SLAUGHTER CATTLE AND CALVES** - Choice and Prime slaughter steers sold strong to 75¢ higher at midwest markets. However, Standard and Good steers sold steady to 25¢ lower as the supply again included a large percentage of shortfed steers and heifers. Slaughter heifers sold steady to 50¢ higher with the most advance on Choice and Prime. The price spread between grades on slaughter steers and heifers expanded and the range on steers became the widest since March 1961. Cow beef prices advanced and this coupled with the continued small supply influenced steady to mostly 50¢ higher slaughter cattle prices. Bulls and vealers steady to \$1.00 higher, except vealers steady to \$1.00 lower at St. Paul.

Slaughter steers: Two loads Prime 1300# and 1460# at Chicago \$29.25 and high-Choice and Prime 1175-1450# \$28.25-29.00 with bulk Choice 900-1400# \$26.00-28.00, Good \$22.50-25.00. At other midwest terminals mixed Choice and Prime \$26.50-27.00, most Choice \$25.00-26.50, Good \$22.00-25.00, Standard \$19.00-22.00.

Slaughter heifers: High-Choice and Prime \$26.50-27.50, most Choice \$24.75-26.50 and up to \$27.25 at Chicago. Good \$21.50-24.75.

Slaughter cows: Utility and Commercial \$14.50-16.50, Canner and Cutter \$12.50-15.00.

**FEEDER CATTLE AND CALVES** - An expanded and fairly aggressive demand developed for feeder cattle and calves and trading was brisk for seasonally moderate numbers at terminal markets. Prices generally were steady to 50¢ higher, instances \$1.00 up. Favorable weather conditions, particularly for mid-February, was a factor tending to encourage increased interest in feeder cattle. Relatively thin cattle weighing under 700# often showed the most price upturn. However, prices for fleshier feeders, including steers up to 1100# also tended to move onto higher ground.

Feeder steers: Good and Choice 800-1050# ranged \$21.00-24.50, relatively few Good 800-900# below \$22.00. Choice 955# sold at \$24.00 and two loads Choice fleshy 1000# \$23.25-23.50. Medium and mixed Medium and Good 800-1000# sold from \$18.50-22.00. Load Choice 700# brought

\$27.50; few loads Choice and mixed Choice and Fancy 550-650# \$27.25-29.50; bulk Good and Choice 550-750# \$23.00-27.00; Medium 550-700# \$18.50-22.50.

Feeder heifers: Bulk Good and Choice 525-750# \$22.00-25.00, few under 600# \$25.50-26.00. Choice 713# included at \$25.00. Two loads Good 754# \$22.50-23.00 and Choice fleshy 825# \$23.25.

Feeder calves: Choice 300-550# steers sold from \$28.00-32.50, several loads 530-535# at \$30.00 carried an end of Fancy grade. Choice and Fancy 431# reached \$33.00. Good and mixed Good and Choice 300-550# bulked \$25.00-29.00. Good and Choice 350-500# heifers sold chiefly from \$22.50-27.00, part load Choice 300# \$28.90.

**HOGS** - Terminal markets - Although hog supplies at the 12 markets were slightly smaller than the previous week, prices declined under the influence of lower pork prices in the carlot trade. Butchers were steady to 50¢ lower, with most sales 25-50¢ lower in the eastern Corn Belt area. Most downturn was on weights under 230#. Sow prices were very uneven with the general trend steady to 25¢ higher in the western Corn Belt, the advance mainly on weights above 450#. At eastern centers sows were steady to 25¢ lower with some sales at Indianapolis 50¢ off. Receipts at the 12 markets totaled 308,000 compared with 318,000 the previous week and 295,000 a year ago. Sows made up about 7 percent of the 8 market supply.

Barrows and gilts: U. S. 1-2, 190-240# \$17.00-17.75, extreme \$18.00 at Omaha; No. 1-3, 190-240# \$16.50-17.25, and to \$17.50 at Omaha.

Sows: No. 1-3, 270-400# \$14.50-15.50, mainly \$14.50-15.25, No. 2-3, 400-550# \$13.75-15.00, mainly \$14.00-14.75.

Feeder pigs at St. Paul were very scarce with a moderate volume of Choice 120-150# selling steady at \$15.50-16.00.

Average cut-out value advantage of U. S. No. 1 over No. 3 live basis 200-220# barrows and gilts was 95¢ per cwt. based on wholesale carlot prices of fresh pork cuts at Chicago February 8 to February 14, 1962 inclusive.

Hogs - Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area receipts totaled 330,000 head, compared with 332,000 the previous week and 308,000 during the comparable week last year. Price declines on barrows and gilts early in the week were partially recovered on later sessions. Barrows and gilts closed 10-25¢ lower than the previous Friday; sows strong to mostly 25¢ higher.

Barrows and gilts: Most U. S. 1-3, 200-240# \$16.00-16.75, No. 1-2 \$16.50-17.00.

Sows: U. S. 1-3, 270-400# \$14.00-15.25, No. 2-3, 400-550# mainly \$12.50-14.00.

Hogs - Interior Illinois - Receipts at 92,800 compared with 105,000 a week earlier, and demand was fair during the week. Except for moderate midweek advance, barrows and gilts



worked lower and closed fully 25¢, instances 35¢, lower. Sows closed steady to 25¢ lower.

Barrows and gilts: On Friday, U. S. 1-3, 190-230# barrows and gilts \$16.25-16.75; mostly \$16.25-16.65, few 200-220# \$16.85-17.00; No. 1-3, 230-240# \$16.00-16.50.

Sows: U. S. 1-3, 250-400# \$13.25-15.00; No. 2-3, 400-500# \$12.00-13.50.

**SHEEP AND LAMBS** - Receipts at the 12 terminals at 101,000 head, were slightly below the previous week and 18 percent under last year. Woolled slaughter lambs comprised 80-90 percent of receipts at most points and included an increased showing of 100-115# lambs. Price upturns on dressed lamb stimulated demand and slaughter lambs closed steady to 50¢ higher. Scant supplies of slaughter ewes were steady. Feeder lambs finished steady to strong.

Slaughter lambs: Bulk Choice and mixed Choice and Prime 87-116# woolled closed at \$17.25-18.00, several shipments 95-110# \$18.00-18.50 and two loads Choice and Prime 96-106# reached \$18.75 at Chicago. Choice and Prime 115-122# along with Good and Choice 82-115# \$16.00-17.50, Good \$15.00-16.50. Bulk Choice and mixed Choice and Prime 89-112# shorn No. 1 and fall shorn pelts \$16.35-17.25, Choice and Prime 85-106# No. 1 and fall shorn \$17.25-17.75. Good and Choice 81-107# \$15.50-17.00.

Slaughter ewes: Cull to Good woolled \$3.50-8.25.

Feeder lambs: Choice and Fancy 65-94# woolled \$15.25-17.25, consignments mostly Choice \$15.25-16.50. Good and Choice 55-90# largely \$14.00-16.50. Good and Choice 62-88# shorn feeders No. 1-2 pelts \$14.00-14.50 at Fort Worth; at Omaha part deck Choice 82# lambs No. 1 and fall shorn pelts \$16.00.

Sheep and lamb receipts in the Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area numbered 19,600 head, 32 percent below a week earlier and 22 percent under last year. Slaughter lamb prices were strong for the week, ewes steady. Weights of slaughter lambs increased over recent weeks and receipts included several 105-110# shipments.

Slaughter lambs: Bulk Choice and mixed Choice and Prime 90-110# woolled delivered to packing plants \$17.00-17.50 with a moderate volume high-yielding lambs 90-105# \$17.75-18.00 on the close. Choice and Prime 110-115# \$16.50-17.50. Good and low-Choice 80-110# \$16.00-17.25. Choice and mixed Choice and Prime 85-110# shorn No. 1 and fall shorn pelts \$16.50-17.00, Good and low-Choice \$15.50-16.50.

Slaughter ewes: Cull to Good woolled \$2.00-5.00.

#### RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Note: Shrink on most range and feedlot sales none to 5 percent, mostly 4 percent f.o.b. some with short haul and 3 percent shrink. All sales for immediate delivery unless specified.

ARIZONA, CALIFORNIA, NEVADA AND UTAH - Slaughter steers and heifers moderately active,

mostly steady. Bulk of transactions for current through March delivery. Country trading of feeder cattle and calves for immediate delivery limited, few sales steady; trade high-lighted by a few strings contracted for spring and summer delivery. Slaughter lambs fairly active, steady to 50¢ lower with major decline in southern California.

Slaughter steers: California and Arizona, 75 average-Choice 1075-1200# \$27.00; 2,200 mostly Choice 870-1200# \$26.25-26.75; 7,500 Good to mostly Choice, 925-1165# \$25.75-26.00; 3,700 Good and Choice 925-1100# \$25.00-25.75; 1,450 high-Standard and Good 700-1000# \$23.75-25.00; 925 Standard and low-Good 950-1100# \$22.50-25.50. Utah, 140 high-Good and low-Choice 1050-1150# \$24.00-24.25.

Slaughter heifers: California and Arizona, 440 Choice 850-1000# \$25.75-26.00; 1,100 Good and Choice 765-975# \$24.50-25.50; 40 Good 800# \$24.50. Utah, 200 expected to grade Good to mostly Choice 900# \$23.50 for July and August.

Feeder steers: California, 850 Good to mostly Choice 350# \$27.25; 855 Medium to Choice 450-550# \$23.90-25.00; 50 Good and Choice 715# \$24.25; 1,000 Good to mostly Choice 650-700# \$24.00 for May; 300 Choice expected 800# \$23.50 for May; 4,000 Good and Choice expected 625-650# \$24.00 for July and August. Arizona, 120 Good 575# \$23.90.

Slaughter lambs: California and Arizona, 750 Choice, end of Prime 107# with No. 2 pelts \$17.75; 21,000 mostly Choice 100-113# with No. 1 pelts \$17.00-17.50, mostly \$17.00 late; Utah, 3,400 Choice including a few Prime 101-109# woolled \$17.00-17.25.

COLORADO, SOUTHERN WYOMING, WESTERN KANSAS AND WESTERN NEBRASKA - Slaughter cattle moderately active, steers sold steady to strong, instances 25¢ higher, heifers steady to weak.

Slaughter steers: Sales confirmed on 5,825 head. Colorado, average and high-Choice 1150-1250# \$26.15-26.50; bulk of Choice 1050-1275# \$25.75-26.25; high-Good and Choice 1150-1250# \$24.75-25.75. Western Nebraska, low to average-Choice 1125-1275# \$25.50-26.25.

Slaughter heifers: Sales confirmed on 4,425 head. Colorado, average and high-Choice 975-1025# \$26.15-26.25; bulk of Choice 900-1050# \$25.50-26.00; high-Good and low-Choice 900-975# \$24.75-25.35. Western Nebraska, high-Good and low-Choice 925-950# \$24.85-25.00.

Feeder cattle: Demand good with most activity confined to feeders for future delivery. Sales confirmed on 2,000 head. Western Kansas, Choice 650-800# feeder steers late March - early April delivery \$23.50-24.50; 3 loads Choice and Fancy 525-550# steers immediate delivery \$26.75; Medium and Good 950-1025# \$21.50-21.75. Choice feeder heifers expected to weigh under 625# at delivery March through June \$23.25-23.75. Colorado, load Choice 660# steers \$24.00. Three loads Good to mostly Choice 925# steers \$23.25.

Lambs: Slaughter lambs sold steady to mostly 25¢ lower late. Sales confirmed on 18,000 head. Colorado, Choice and Prime 104-115#

wooled slaughter lambs \$17.50-18.00, late top \$17.75. Choice and Prime 103-107# with No. 3 pelts \$15.75. Off Western Slope, around 1,600 Choice and Prime 108-109# woolled lambs to California packer \$17.50 F.O.B. weighing point. Western Kansas, Choice and Prime 100-105# woolled lambs off wheat pastures \$17.50-17.75. Wyoming, 2 loads Choice and Prime 106# woolled lambs \$17.50. Around 1,100 Choice 90# shearing lambs \$16.00.

NEW MEXICO, WEST TEXAS, WESTERN OKLAHOMA, SOUTHWESTERN KANSAS - Clovis Area - Slaughter cattle moderately active, steady. Trading on feeder classes confined largely to future contracts, calves fully \$1.00 higher, other classes steady.

Slaughter steers: 25 Choice 1250# \$25.50; 1,325 Good including some Choice 1000-1100# \$24.75-25.50, latter delivered; 150 Good 928-1030# \$24.25-25.00; 120 Standard to mostly Good, 1000# \$23.90.

Slaughter heifers: 75 Good and Choice 840# \$24.50; 60 Good 825-920# \$24.00; 725 Standard to mostly Good 650-780# \$24.00-24.25; 40 Good 550# \$24.50.

Feeder cattle: April-May, 850 Good 750# steers \$21.50; 1,200 Good and Choice 600#, steers \$24.50, heifers \$22.50; 1,000 Good to mostly Choice 525-560# heifers \$23.00-23.50. June, 900 Good, Medium end, 650# steers \$21.50.

Feeder calves: Steers, 160 Choice 361# \$32.00. April delivery, 900 mostly Fancy 450# \$32.50; 850 Choice and Fancy 350-375# \$32.00; 300 Choice near 300# \$105.00 per head; 700 Good and Choice 500# \$24.00-25.00.

Cows: 190 Good stock cows \$225.00 per head.

Lambs: Trading slow, prices steady; 1,500 Choice 96-97# woolled slaughter lambs \$15.00; 1,100 Choice 80-84# fall shorn feeders \$14.00-14.25.

Amarillo area: Slaughter cattle steady to 25¢ lower, feeder classes strong to 50¢ higher.

Slaughter steers: 425 mostly Choice 1000-1250# \$25.00-25.45, latter delivered; 150 mostly Good 950-1060# \$23.50-24.50.

Slaughter heifers: 220 mostly Choice 875# \$24.90-25.00; 38 Good 614# \$24.25 delivered; 27 Good 928# \$23.25.

Feeder cattle: March-April, 2,000 Choice and Fancy 600-725# steers \$24.00-26.25; 2,200 mostly Choice 625-675# \$24.00-25.00; 1,825 Good and Choice 550-650# heifers \$23.00-23.50; May-June, 600 Choice 800-825# steers \$23.00; 2,700 Good and Choice 575-625# \$23.40; 2,650 Fancy 550-650# heifers \$23.25-23.75; 2,300 Choice 600-625# \$23.00; 1,500 Good and Choice 600# \$22.25-22.50; 400 Choice 625-675# heifers for August \$22.50.

Feeder calves: March-May, 725 mostly Choice 500-600#, steers \$26.00-27.00, heifers \$23.85-25.00.

IDAHO, OREGON AND WASHINGTON - Temperatures generally above normal promoting thawing of snow

in Mountain Areas and flooding of rivers and creeks in Idaho. Additional moisture fell over the entire area.

Slaughter steers and heifers slow, steady to weak, some 25¢ lower in Idaho. Small volume feeder cattle for fall delivery, steady. Large volume slaughter lambs sold in Idaho, but sales limited in Oregon and Washington.

Slaughter steers: Washington, 500 high-Good to mostly Choice 970-1100# \$25.00-25.75; 265 Good and low-Choice 900-1100# \$23.50-24.50, 175 Standard and Good 1075-1200# \$21.00-22.00. Idaho, 240 high-Good to mostly Choice 1100-1200# \$24.25-24.50, 48 Standard Holsteins 985-1155# \$21.25.

Slaughter heifers: Washington, 115 Good to mostly Choice 850-950# \$23.50-24.00. Idaho, 25 head Good to mostly Choice 975# \$23.50.

Feeders: Washington, 90 head Good and Choice 800-850# steers \$24.30. Oregon, 650 head Choice heifers expected to weigh 700# \$21.00 for October.

Slaughter lambs: Washington, Choice with few Prime 108# No. 2 and 3 pelts \$17.00. Oregon, 1,400 Choice with some Prime 100-108# including 400 head with No. 2 and 3 pelts \$17.25 delivered Washington packer, balance fall shorn and woolled \$18.25-18.75 delivered California. Idaho, 11,200 Choice with some Prime mostly woolled at \$17.00-17.50, but including 1,100 head shorn with No. 1 pelts \$16.00.

MONTANA AND NORTHERN WYOMING - Limited sales slaughter steers and heifers fully steady, feeder cattle and calves strong.

Slaughter cattle: Southern Montana, 2 loads Good to mostly Choice 1050-1100# steers \$24.00; 2 loads Choice 875-900# heifers \$24.00.

Feeder cattle and calves: Northern Montana, around 150 high-Good and Choice 940-950# steers \$23.00. Central Montana, 200 high-Good and Choice around 450# mixed feeder calves, steers \$27.00, heifers \$25.00. Eastern Montana, 250 average to high-Choice heifer calves for April delivery \$28.00.

Sheep: Moderately active, slaughter lambs generally steady to strong, feeder and shearing lambs steady.

Slaughter lambs: Southern Montana, around 400 Choice and Prime 108-109# \$17.50, F.O.B. feedlot. Southwestern Montana, load mostly Choice 97# \$16.00. Eastern Montana, around 1,700 Choice 100-112# \$16.00-16.25. Northern Wyoming, around 750 Choice 105-110# \$16.50; about 1,200 mostly Choice 105-111# \$17.50-17.75 delivered to Colorado packing plants.

Shearing lambs: Eastern Montana, around 3,550 Choice 85-95# \$16.00-16.25. Northern Wyoming, 500 Good and Choice 87# \$15.75. 800 Choice ewe lambs for April delivery \$17.00.

Wool: Trading slow, steady. Northwestern Montana, 1,100 fleeces mixed fine and half for March 15 delivery, 42 cents, grease basis, moderate shrink. Northern Wyoming, 70,000# half and three-eighths 1962 wool for immediate delivery 44.25 cents, grease basis, moderate shrink.



## WEEKLY RECEIPTS OF SALABLE LIVESTOCK AT 12 PUBLIC MARKETS

Market	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	Feb. 17	Feb. 18	Feb. 17	Feb. 18	Feb. 17	Feb. 18	Feb. 17	Feb. 18
	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961
Chicago .....	34,558	37,034	107	108	32,833	30,102	6,852	7,906
Denver .....	7,838	8,567	288	144	5,895	4,586	18,468	19,725
Fort Worth ....	5,819	8,659	969	2,183	1,357	2,939	13,544	11,788
Indianapolis ..	7,736	6,705	289	456	35,651	34,612	1,967	2,071
Kansas City ...	14,468	19,016	339	624	14,526	14,872	5,105	11,554
Oklahoma City .	8,649	11,677	737	1,106	3,241	3,518	1,784	1,544
Omaha .....	36,609	35,016	461	495	39,261	41,755	14,386	18,173
St. Joseph ....	14,226	15,443	165	538	18,121	21,200	4,218	10,315
St. Louis NSY .	13,342	13,684	1,204	2,265	50,188	48,516	6,149	5,833
Sioux City ....	27,552	25,291	679	777	36,651	31,371	7,668	9,357
Sioux Falls ...	9,227	7,560	181	127	17,510	14,869	7,989	9,497
So. St. Paul ..	20,066	16,757	6,937	6,682	52,366	46,912	13,080	15,136
Total .....	200,090	205,409	12,356	15,505	307,600	295,252	101,210	122,899
" Feb. 10, 1962	198,456		12,137		317,566		105,958	

INTERIOR IOWA AND SOUTHERN MINNESOTA -			Feb. 17, 1962	Feb. 10, 1962	Feb. 18, 1961	
Hogs .....			330,000	332,000	308,000*	
Sheep .....			19,600	29,000	25,200*	
INTERIOR ILLINOIS -			Hogs .....	92,800	105,000	94,200
						*Revised.

## FEEDER CATTLE: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER

	Week ended			Month	
	Feb. 15	Feb. 8	Feb. 16	Jan. 1962	Jan. 1961
	1962	1962	1961	1962	1961
Steers - 1001# up .....	371	319	923	1,669	4,209
901-1000 .....	2,003	1,840	2,011	8,280	10,488
801-900 .....	2,881	2,820	2,999	15,267	17,685
701-800 .....	2,289	3,307	2,505	14,869	19,423
501-700 .....	5,789	6,789	8,974	33,307	49,842
Total steers 10 markets....	13,333	15,075	17,412	73,392	101,647
Av. wt. " " " ....	735#	727#	725#	728#	724#
Av. cost* " " " ....	\$23.64	\$23.31	\$23.96	\$23.45	\$24.56
" " " Chicago .....	22.25	22.40	22.54	22.41	23.63
" " " Kansas City...	22.98	22.73	23.71	22.80	24.29
" " " Omaha .....	24.96	23.92	24.28	23.30	24.82
" " " S. St. Paul...	20.62	20.56	21.76	21.59	22.06
" " " Sioux City.....	25.40	25.02	25.33	24.92	26.19
" " " Denver .....	23.21	22.73	23.30	24.33	25.52
" " " Ft. Worth ....	24.13	23.10	23.24	23.12	23.48
" " " Oklahoma City.	24.03	23.33	23.38	23.08	23.35
" " " S. St. Joseph.	23.35	23.14	23.81	22.52	23.23
" " " St. Louis NSY.	22.53	22.42	22.69	22.59	23.15
Total calves - 10 markets..	5,519	9,372	7,339	60,016	70,092
" heifers " " ....	2,573	2,734	2,710	11,972	14,416
" cows " " ....	899	734	639	2,913	4,446

\* Not adjusted for differences in grade of cattle sold at each market.

## ESTIMATED PERCENT OF FEEDER CATTLE AND SLAUGHTER COWS IN SALABLE RECEIPTS

Week ended	Chi- cago City	Kan- sas City	Omaha City	S. St. Joseph	St. Louis NSY	Sioux City	S. St. Paul	Indian- apolis	Den- ver	Ft. Worth	Okl- City	Wich- ita	San Antonio
Feeders													
Feb. 16, 1962	2	32	8	8	6	22	8	6	15	65	70	51	45
Feb. 9, 1962	2	39	9	7	8	23	8	7	13	75	75	42	50
Feb. 17, 1961	2	37	10	11	8	31	3	8	8	70	70	48	55
Slaughter cows													
Feb. 16, 1962	4	10	8	5	10	7	18	10	20	15	8	10	20
Feb. 9, 1962	4	10	8	6	11	5	18	10	30	10	6	11	12
Feb. 17, 1961	5	10	9	8	14	6	25	12	20	15	11	17	15

## STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER 1/

Grade	Number of head		Percent of total by grades		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
	Week ended							
	Feb. 15 1962	Feb. 16 1961	Feb. 15 1962	Feb. 16 1961	Feb. 15 1962	Feb. 16 1961	Feb. 15 1962	Feb. 16 1961
CHICAGO								
Prime.....	2,406	3,911	9.5	14.6	1,230	1,255	28.47	27.65
Choice.....	14,133	16,616	55.6	62.2	1,174	1,171	26.69	26.06
Good.....	7,931	5,082	31.2	19.0	1,087	1,125	24.53	24.05
Standard.....	515	730	2.0	2.7	981	1,017	21.78	21.85
Commercial.....	--	21	--	.1	--	1,588	--	21.00
Utility.....	420	371	1.7	1.4	1,033	1,071	19.99	19.45
All grades.....	25,405	26,731			1,146	1,169	26.05	25.75
OMAHA								
Prime.....	245	139	1.2	.9	1,195	1,147	27.05	26.73
Choice.....	9,570	5,854	44.7	37.6	1,151	1,181	25.48	24.89
Good.....	10,395	8,407	49.5	53.9	1,108	1,134	24.07	23.78
Standard.....	806	1,072	3.8	6.9	1,079	1,111	20.44	20.60
Utility.....	164	108	.8	.7	1,045	992	19.02	18.77
All grades.....	20,980	15,580			1,127	1,149	24.58	23.99
SIOUX CITY								
Prime.....	428	257	3.0	2.4	1,213	1,175	26.94	27.47
Choice.....	8,879	5,811	61.4	53.8	1,160	1,171	25.59	25.24
Good.....	4,637	4,194	32.1	38.9	1,117	1,121	24.02	23.99
Standard.....	378	531	2.6	4.9	1,117	1,084	20.69	20.30
Utility.....	135	--	.9	--	1,056	--	19.14	--
All grades.....	14,457	10,793			1,146	1,148	24.96	24.59
KANSAS CITY								
Prime.....	12	--	.2	--	1,047	--	26.35	--
Choice.....	1,756	1,642	28.1	25.5	1,102	1,191	25.32	25.18
Good.....	3,756	4,195	60.2	65.2	1,088	1,104	23.83	23.93
Standard.....	560	567	9.0	8.8	1,104	1,049	20.93	20.90
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	157	32	2.5	.5	1,022	946	18.85	18.61
All grades.....	6,241	6,436			1,092	1,121	23.88	23.98
ST. LOUIS NSY								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	1,197	432	17.8	8.0	1,069	1,065	25.40	25.74
Good.....	4,166	3,280	62.0	61.0	1,025	1,029	23.84	24.02
Standard.....	1,119	1,551	16.7	28.8	965	982	21.62	21.50
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	235	117	3.5	2.2	1,020	932	19.01	17.81
All grades.....	6,717	5,380			1,023	1,016	23.61	23.34
S. ST. JOSEPH								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	3,264	1,951	40.1	28.5	1,128	1,148	25.15	25.29
Good.....	4,387	4,526	54.0	66.0	1,073	1,119	23.64	23.72
Standard.....	482	378	5.9	5.5	1,118	1,063	20.29	20.24
Utility.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
All grades.....	8,133	6,855			1,098	1,124	24.06	24.00
DENVER								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	1,330	1,495	62.8	74.6	1,189	1,157	25.79	25.06
Good.....	779	482	36.8	24.1	1,129	1,129	24.29	23.86
Standard.....	8	20	.4	1.0	1,040	1,052	18.80	20.48
Utility.....	--	6	--	.3	--	850	--	18.50
All grades.....	2,117	2,003			1,166	1,148	25.23	24.72

1/ Data collected by Statistical Reporting Service, and Livestock Division, A. M. S.

## WEEKLY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION AT MAJOR CENTERS

City or Area	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	Feb. 17	Feb. 18	Feb. 17	Feb. 18	Feb. 17	Feb. 18	Feb. 17	Feb. 18
	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961
Boston, New York City Area ....	10,877	10,941	8,226	9,103	42,748	45,880	37,009	35,649
Baltimore, Philadelphia .....	8,216	8,585	1,946	2,499	37,119	31,397	4,315	4,578
Cin., Cleve., Detroit, Indpls .	19,045	18,675	3,072	3,233	122,245	131,462	12,233	14,092
Chicago Area .....	15,177	15,612	5,485	7,067	42,416	46,668	8,594	7,171
St. Paul- Wisc. Areas .....	29,855	28,175	19,332	19,500	111,903	112,430	20,722	24,747
St. Louis Area .....	10,677	11,767	1,175	1,742	77,416	70,231	5,885	5,658
Sioux City-So. Dakota Area ....	30,891	20,421	--	--	97,095	95,707	12,806	15,732
Omaha Area .....	41,029	36,407	166	176	84,269	71,941	16,902	18,926
Kansas City .....	14,194	16,297	--	--	31,594	35,247	--	--
Iowa - So. Minnesota .....	34,722	30,191	8,863	8,448	288,347	307,648	41,991	40,359
Lou'1, Evan'1, Nash'1, Mph's ...	5,873	5,712	2,232	2,724	57,293	64,969	--	--
Georgia, Florida, Ala. Area ...	9,531	9,016	2,949	4,943	32,251	35,546	--	--
St. Jo'ph. Wichita, Okla. City.	19,736	20,361	750	1,118	43,763	45,736	9,706	13,425
Ft. Worth, Dallas, San Antonio.	8,493	9,978	3,631	3,213	18,042	16,650	27,855	15,284
Denver, Ogden, Salt Lake City .	22,357	20,096	87	201	14,087	14,901	50,934	33,783
Los Angeles, San Fran. Areas ..	23,141	27,582	1,796	1,656	34,044	23,336	30,725	26,343
Portland, Seattle, Spokane ....	8,659	6,823	208	221	18,613	15,443	4,218	4,789
Total .....	312,473		59,918		1,153,245		283,895	
		296,639		65,844		1,165,192		260,536
Accumulation to date .....	2,232,073		448,976		8,046,399		1,952,465	
		2,099,523		468,435		7,841,189		1,828,166

## ESTIMATED FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND MEAT PRODUCTION

Week ended	Beef		Veal		Pork (excl. lard)		Lamb and mutton		Total	Total
	Num- ber	Prod. mil.lb.	Num- ber	Prod. mil.lb.	Num- ber	Prod. mil.lb.	Num- ber	Prod. mil.lb.	meat prod.	lard prod.
	1,000		1,000		1,000		1,000			
Feb. 17, 1962 .....	380	227.2	90	10.1	1,330	182.1	305	15.6	435.0	--
Feb. 10, 1962 .....	385	231.4	90	10.1	1,345	184.1	305	15.2	440.8	--
Jan. 27, 1962 1/ .....	397	--	95	--	1,351	--	290	--	--	39.9
Feb. 18, 1961 1/ .....	368	220.3	99	11.3	1,387	189.9	300	15.5	437.0	41.6
Percentage change from:										
Feb. 10, 1962 .....	-1	-2	0	0	-1	-1	0	3	-1	--
Feb. 18, 1961 .....	3	3	-9	-11	-4	-4	2	1	0	--
Week ended	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs		Lard yield per 100 lb.	
	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed		
Feb. 17, 1962 .....	1040	598	200	112	234	137	105	51	--	
Feb. 10, 1962 .....	1045	601	200	112	236	137	104	50	--	
Jan. 27, 1962 .....	1045	596	205	115	239	140	103	50	--	
Feb. 18, 1961 .....	1045	599	204	114	235	137	106	52	12.8	

1/ Actual slaughter. 2/ Excludes lard.



CATTLE: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS  
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification	Chicago		Kansas City		Omaha		Denver		North Portland	
	Feb.	Feb.	Feb.	Feb.	Feb.	Feb.	Feb.	Feb.	Feb.	Feb.
	17	18	17	18	17	18	17	18	17	18
	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961
<u>Slaughter cattle, calves and vealers</u>										
Steers -										
Prime 900-1100#	28.02	27.75	--	--	27.25	27.00	--	--	--	--
1100-1300	28.48	27.50	--	--	27.20	26.75	--	--	--	--
Choice 900-1100	26.70	26.50	25.75	25.52	25.88	25.85	25.95	25.25	25.25	25.25
1100-1300	26.95	25.62	25.50	25.38	25.92	25.58	25.95	25.25	24.75	24.38
Good 900-1100	24.12	24.12	23.72	23.75	23.62	23.65	23.15	22.75	23.75	23.25
Standard	21.75	21.55	20.70	20.52	21.00	20.62	--	20.00	21.25	20.50
Heifers -										
Choice 700-900#	26.32	25.38	24.88	24.78	25.62	25.40	25.55	24.68	23.75	--
Good 600-800	--	--	22.80	22.88	23.22	23.18	--	22.50	22.25	21.62
Standard	20.65	21.00	19.80	19.75	20.38	20.02	--	19.50	19.50	19.00
Cows -										
Commercial	15.30	16.25	16.35	16.50	15.90	16.20	--	--	16.00	--
Utility	15.18	16.12	15.60	15.65	15.22	15.50	15.70	16.08	15.56	15.38
Cutter	14.80	15.38	14.52	14.95	14.15	14.70	14.58	14.12	12.94	14.31
Canner	13.35	14.00	13.18	14.02	13.18	13.88	13.45	12.88	11.31	12.12
Bulls - Yrlgs. excl.										
Commercial	20.20	19.32	17.88	17.75	18.25	18.30	--	--	--	--
Utility	20.20	19.58	18.42	18.00	18.25	18.50	18.75	18.50	20.50	19.00
Calves - 250-500#										
Choice	--	--	24.75	23.20	--	--	--	--	30.00	--
Good	--	--	22.75	21.50	--	--	--	--	28.50	23.50
Standard	--	--	20.25	19.65	--	--	--	--	23.50	20.00
Vealers - 150-250#										
Choice	--	29.50	27.80	28.50	25.50	26.50	--	--	33.00	30.38
Good	--	26.50	24.80	25.00	23.00	23.50	--	--	30.00	28.25
Standard	--	22.00	21.50	21.00	20.25	20.25	--	--	25.50	24.75
<u>Feeder cattle and calves</u>										
Steers - 500-800#										
Fancy	--	--	26.95	--	--	--	27.25	--	--	--
Choice	26.12	26.82	25.75	26.25	26.75	26.38	26.00	25.88	24.75	24.50
Good	23.88	24.45	23.85	23.85	24.25	24.38	23.00	24.00	22.50	23.00
Heifers - 500-750#										
Choice	--	--	23.85	23.25	24.50	24.25	24.75	24.25	--	--
Good	--	--	21.65	20.00*	22.75	20.75*	21.75	21.50*	--	19.00*
Calves -										
Steer -										
Fancy 300-550#	--	--	30.35	--	31.75	--	32.75	--	--	--
Choice " "	--	--	28.60)		28.75)		29.50)		26.50)	
Good 300-500#	--	--	24.60)	27.50	24.75)	29.25	27.00)	29.50	24.50)	25.50
Heifer - 300-500#										
Fancy	--	--	26.50	--	28.75	--	31.50	--	--	--
Choice	--	--	24.50)		26.00)		28.75)		--	
Good	--	--	22.85)	24.25	23.25)	25.25	26.00)	27.00	--	23.50

\*Medium and Good.



HOGS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS  
In dollars per 100 pounds

	Chicago	Interior	St. Louis	Omaha	Indianapolis	St. Joseph	Kansas City	Peoria
Classification	So. Minnesota	Stock Yards						
Feb. : 17	18.62	17.21	17.44	17.34	17.34	17.34	17.34	17.34
Feb. : 18	18.62	17.44	17.44	17.34	17.34	17.34	17.34	17.34
Feb. : 19	18.62	17.44	17.44	17.34	17.34	17.34	17.34	17.34
Feb. : 20	18.62	17.44	17.44	17.34	17.34	17.34	17.34	17.34
Feb. : 21	18.62	17.44	17.44	17.34	17.34	17.34	17.34	17.34
Feb. : 22	18.62	17.44	17.44	17.34	17.34	17.34	17.34	17.34
Feb. : 23	18.62	17.44	17.44	17.34	17.34	17.34	17.34	17.34
Feb. : 24	18.62	17.44	17.44	17.34	17.34	17.34	17.34	17.34
Feb. : 25	18.62	17.44	17.44	17.34	17.34	17.34	17.34	17.34
Feb. : 26	18.62	17.44	17.44	17.34	17.34	17.34	17.34	17.34
Feb. : 27	18.62	17.44	17.44	17.34	17.34	17.34	17.34	17.34
Feb. : 28	18.62	17.44	17.44	17.34	17.34	17.34	17.34	17.34
Feb. : 29	18.62	17.44	17.44	17.34	17.34	17.34	17.34	17.34
Feb. : 30	18.62	17.44	17.44	17.34	17.34	17.34	17.34	17.34
Feb. : 31	18.62	17.44	17.44	17.34	17.34	17.34	17.34	17.34
Barrows and gilts								
U. S. No. 1 & 2								
180-200#	17.42	18.72	17.17	18.67	16.70	18.40	17.34	18.76
200-220	17.42	18.92	18.27	18.70	17.52	18.68	17.34	18.83
220-240	17.22	18.66	18.17	18.63	17.52	18.70	17.14	18.68
U. S. No. 2 & 3								
200-220	17.01	18.42	16.28	17.88	16.72	18.40	16.98	18.22
220-240	16.86	18.38	16.20	17.88	16.66	18.30	16.98	18.18
240-270	16.50	18.15	15.86	17.37	16.24	17.94	16.58	17.80
U.S. No. 1, 2 & 3								
200-220	17.14	18.62	16.33	18.05	16.88	18.48	17.12	18.38
220-240	17.00	18.51	16.31	17.99	16.81	18.40	17.12	18.38
240-270	16.56	18.15	15.96	17.49	16.47	18.12	16.82	17.98
Sows - U.S. 1, 2 & 3								
270-330	--	15.03	16.42	15.41	17.22	15.32	17.12	15.48
330-400	14.82	16.95	14.42	15.92	15.00	16.95	14.95	16.62
U.S. 2-3	13.85	16.10	13.29	15.18	14.12	16.22	14.55	16.35
South								
St. Paul								
Sioux City								
Sioux Falls								
Cincinnati								
Fort Worth								
Thomasville								
Baltimore								
North								
Portland								
Barrows and gilts								
U. S. No. 1 & 2								
180-200#	17.05	18.62	17.21	18.30	--	17.23	18.78	--
200-220	17.18	18.62	17.44	18.52	17.34	18.41	17.23	18.86
220-240	17.18	18.60	17.44	18.54	17.34	18.42	16.78	18.70
U. S. No. 2 & 3								
200-220	16.65	18.12	16.89	18.30	17.02	18.11	17.18	18.73
220-240	16.65	18.12	16.87	18.30	17.02	18.11	16.64	18.60
240-270	16.22	17.72	16.58	18.10	16.45	17.75	--	18.24
U.S. No. 1, 2 & 3								
200-220	16.88	18.15	17.12	18.40	17.12	18.34	17.18	18.78
220-240	16.70	18.15	17.16	18.38	17.12	18.34	16.78	18.62
240-270	16.28	17.80	16.80	18.20	16.52	17.94	--	18.28
Sows - U.S. 1, 2 & 3								
270-330	15.65	16.98	15.40	--	--	--	--	--
330-400	15.08	16.55	15.20	16.74	15.20	16.38	14.90	16.25
U.S. 2-3	14.52	16.24	14.65	16.15	14.48	15.55	13.90	15.75
Feeder pigs - 70-120#								
Choice	15.75	17.65	--	--	--	--	--	--

HOGS: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER OF PACKER AND SHIPPER PURCHASES <sup>1/</sup>

Week ended		St. Louis	Kansas City	Omaha	Sioux City	S. St. Joseph	S. St. Paul	Indianapolis	Eight mkt. combined
		Chicago	Nat'l. Stock Yards						
AVERAGE COST -		Dollars per 100 pounds							
Barrows and gilts	Feb. 17, 1962	16.78	16.66	16.83	16.80	16.75	17.08	16.44	16.78
	Feb. 10, 1962	17.00	16.79	16.81	16.84	16.74	17.10	16.65	17.05
	Feb. 18, 1961	18.28	18.30	18.28	18.13	18.07	18.23	18.01	18.45
Sows	Feb. 17, 1962	13.90	14.15	14.74	14.55	14.71	14.83	14.60	14.28
	Feb. 10, 1962	13.83	14.19	14.66	14.48	14.63	14.66	14.34	14.39
	Feb. 18, 1961	16.19	16.44	16.70	16.45	16.12	16.47	16.37	16.04
AVERAGE WEIGHT -		Pounds							
Barrows and gilts	Feb. 17, 1962	234	222	230	235	243	227	234	227
	Feb. 10, 1962	236	222	233	239	243	229	233	228
	Feb. 18, 1961	235	219	235	242	246	233	232	224
Sows	Feb. 17, 1962	452	435	433	443	446	396	426	456
	Feb. 10, 1962	466	428	428	448	441	416	429	447
	Feb. 18, 1961	447	423	431	443	458	435	430	454
NUMBER OF HEAD -									
Barrows and gilts	Feb. 17, 1962	25909	47619	13207	34503	32297	15768	42476	31215
	Feb. 10, 1962	25185	41332	13067	40542	37887	17885	42660	28570
	Feb. 18, 1961	22977	43490	12953	34286	27505	18664	37493	29713
Sows	Feb. 17, 1962	2491	2006	920	3311	2232	1131	3594	2615
	Feb. 10, 1962	2544	2678	933	3939	2168	1570	2977	2886
	Feb. 18, 1961	2339	3787	992	4156	2060	1561	2515	2679
SOWS -		Percentage of total							
Feb. 17, 1962		9	4	7	9	6	7	8	8
Feb. 10, 1962		9	6	7	9	5	8	7	9
Feb. 18, 1961		9	8	7	11	7	8	6	8

<sup>1/</sup> Weighted average.

## AVERAGE WHOLESALE VALUE OF HOG PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM 100 LB. LIVE HOG, COMPARED WITH PRICES OF LIVE HOGS, CHICAGO

Week ended	Hog products <sup>1/</sup>	Hog prices <sup>2/</sup>	Gross spread or margin <sup>3/</sup>
Feb. 17, 1962 .....	\$18.47	\$17.14	\$1.33
Feb. 10, 1962 .....	18.73	17.46	1.27
Feb. 18, 1961 .....	20.78	18.62	2.16

<sup>1/</sup> Value of all edible products, fresh basis (lard rendered) in 100 lb. of live hog computed from wholesale prices on carlot basis, Chicago, reported by National Provisioner daily market report.

<sup>2/</sup> Mean of daily quotations on U. S. No. 1,2 and 3 hogs, 200-220# wt. Chicago.

<sup>3/</sup> Difference between wholesale product value and hog prices.

## HOG AND CORN PRICES AT CHICAGO AND HOG-CORN PRICE RATIO

Week ended	Barrows and gilts <sup>1/</sup> Dollars per 100 pounds	Corn <sup>2/</sup> No.3 yellow Cents per bushel	Hog-corn price ratio based on barrows and gilts
Feb. 17, 1962 .....	16.78	107.7	15.6
Feb. 10, 1962 .....	17.00	108.8	15.6
Feb. 18, 1961 .....	18.28	111.6	16.4

<sup>1/</sup> Weighted average. <sup>2/</sup> Simple average.

SHEEP AND LAMBS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS  
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		Chicago	Omaha	Kansas City	Fort Worth	Denver	Ogden	North Port- land
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: (Wooled) 80-110#								
Prime	Feb. 17, 1962 .....	18.22	17.65	17.85	--	17.80	17.75	17.50
	Feb. 18, 1961 .....	18.25	--	17.62	--	--	18.00	--
Choice	Feb. 17, 1962 .....	17.88	17.15	17.35	16.00	16.83	17.00	17.25
	Feb. 18, 1961 .....	17.42	17.25	16.88	16.75	17.38	17.25	17.75
Good	Feb. 17, 1962 .....	16.40	15.90	16.00	14.50	15.72	16.25	16.62
	Feb. 18, 1961 .....	16.12	16.45	16.12	16.25	16.48	16.50	17.00
EWES: (Wooled) 90-150#								
Good	Feb. 17, 1962 .....	5.75	5.62	5.50	7.62	7.25	5.75	5.25
Good & Choice	Feb. 18, 1961 .....	6.75	6.65	5.50	--	6.88	4.50	5.00*
Utility	Feb. 17, 1962 .....	5.85	5.62	5.00	6.50	6.75	5.00	4.50
Cull & Utility	Feb. 18, 1961 .....	6.50	5.80	5.50	7.50*	5.25	3.25	3.75*
Cull	Feb. 17, 1962 .....	5.50	4.00	4.00	--	5.62	4.75	3.50
FEEDER LAMBS: (Wooled) 60-80#								
Fancy	Feb. 17, 1962 .....	--	16.50	--	--	16.51	--	16.50
Choice	Feb. 17, 1962 .....	--	15.75	--	15.00	15.75	16.00	15.50
Good & Choice	Feb. 18, 1961 .....	--	17.00	--	15.82	17.25	16.00	16.00
Good	Feb. 17, 1962 .....	--	13.75	--	13.50	14.62	14.75	13.25

\*Shorn basis.

MEATS AND MEAT PRODUCTS GRADED, OR ACCEPTED AS COMPLYING WITH  
SPECIFICATIONS--BY THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE 1/  
CALENDAR YEAR

Grade	Beef		Veal and calf		Lamb and mutton	
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
	Thous. pounds		Thous. pounds		Thous. pounds	
Prime .....	259,858	198,563	1,023	1,299	45,872	41,311
Choice .....	5,148,731	4,600,324	29,664	34,605	292,102	229,805
Good .....	1,590,165	1,772,589	121,365	115,439	11,622	10,720
Standard .....	202,479	199,497	17,440	23,563	--	--
Commercial .....	45,140	56,838	--	--	--	--
Utility .....	144,555	155,627	1,434	1,898	8,775	228
Cutter .....	44,919	12,388	--	--	--	--
Canner .....	2,755	1,807	--	--	--	--
Cull .....	--	--	14	120	71	46
Total .....	7,438,602	7,057,633	170,940	176,924	358,442	282,110
Bull and stag beef ..	9,099	9,780				
All other meats and lard.....	243,130	156,517				

1/ Data pertain only to meats offered to the U. S. Department of Agriculture for grading or acceptance.



## WHOLESALE MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

### LESS THAN CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEW

**EASTERN SEABOARD** - Steer beef prices were steady at most Eastern wholesale markets, however some Good 50¢ lower at New York while the general trend at Philadelphia was 50¢-\$1.00 higher; cow beef steady to 25¢ higher; veal and calf mostly steady; lamb weak to \$1.00 lower at Philadelphia, and mostly steady to 50¢ higher at New York, otherwise steady; pork loins 50¢-\$5.00 lower and most decline at New York; other pork cuts sold steady to \$2.00 lower.

Choice and Prime kosher steer forequarters were mostly steady to 50¢ higher while the trend was steady to weak for kosher lamb, veal and calf.

The general meat trade was moderately active at the several markets and demand mostly fair. Good clearance was reported at some markets but some beef was carried at Baltimore and at New York clearance was incomplete on beef, veal and lamb. Demand for veal and calf was only fair. Lamb foresaddles were fairly active at New York, while hindsaddles met fairly good demand at Philadelphia. The downward trend for pork loins was influenced by curtailed purchase by large retail chains which featured sales of this item the previous week. Supplies of pork were fully normal and other classes normal.

**CHICAGO** - Prices on steer and heifer beef were weak, veal and lamb steady, pork loins 8-16# \$1.50-2.00 lower, Boston butts 4-8# and spareribs 3# down 50¢ lower.

Veal supply continued small but other fresh meat was available in normal volume. Good to low-Choice beef carcasses were rather liberal compared to average-Choice to Prime. Lamb 55-65# and pork loins 12-16# were most plentiful.

Carcass beef trading was generally slow. Loins advanced in a moderately active trade, however other primal cuts were rather slow. Rounds proved hardest to move till late when some advance was recorded. Veal trade was only moderately active but clearance on a small volume was complete. Demand was moderate for carcass lamb and all cuts had adequate outlet except legs and ribs. Demand was moderate for pork loins and butts on the initial session, however all cuts were slow after Monday.

**PACIFIC COAST** - Carcass steer and heifer beef sold steady to strong in Los Angeles, weak to mostly 50¢ lower in San Francisco and steady to \$1.00 lower in the Pacific Northwest with the most decline in Portland. Cow and bull beef held about steady. Lamb was steady in California but weak to \$1.00 lower in the Portland-Seattle area. Calf sold steady to \$1.00 higher in southern California, weak to \$1.00 lower in San Francisco and steady in the Pacific Northwest; veal was untested in Los Angeles, steady elsewhere. Fresh pork was steady to \$3.00 lower with the greatest decline on loins in Los Angeles; cured pork mostly steady other than smoked hams and sliced bacon weak to \$2.00 lower in Portland and Seattle.

Carcass steer and heifer trade was slow. Abundant supplies met poor demand in the Pacific Northwest. Demand was rather narrow in San Francisco. Volume of Choice steer beef was below normal in Southern California. Trading was generally slow on all other classes.

### CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEW

**CHICAGO, DENVER, OMAHA, NEW YORK AND PHILADELPHIA** - Outlet was rather narrow for normal supplies of steer and heifer beef and trading was rather slow. Steer and heifer beef was mostly steady to 50¢ lower except at New York where Good steer beef was 50¢-\$1.00 lower. Cow beef sold steady to \$1.50 higher with some at Philadelphia \$2.00 up. Clearance was fairly broad.

Slightly below normal supplies of lamb met a fairly good demand and sold steady to \$1.00 higher, mostly 50¢-\$1.00 higher. Clearance was complete.

Near normal supplies of pork products sold rather slowly and prices were generally lower. Pork loins were steady to \$1.50 lower at Chicago and \$3.00 lower at Omaha. Pork butts were 50¢ lower at Chicago. Fresh hams were steady to 50¢ lower. Pork carcasses were around 25¢ lower at New York and steady to 25¢ lower at Philadelphia. Clearance was fairly good.

**WHOLESALE DRESSED MEAT PRICES - LESS THAN CARLOT BASIS**  
**Weekly average of daily quotations in dollars per 100 pounds**

Classification		New York		Chicago		San Francisco		Los Angeles	
		Feb.17 : 1962	Feb.18 : 1961	Feb.17 : 1962	Feb.18 : 1961	Feb.17 : 1962	Feb.18 : 1961	Feb.17 : 1962	Feb.18 : 1961
<b>Steer beef -</b>									
Prime	700-800#	45.00	44.90	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice	600-700	44.75	45.30	43.75	44.88	42.75	41.25	42.75	41.00
	700-800	44.00	43.98	43.00	42.88	42.00	40.50	41.75	39.75
Good	500-600	42.30	42.40	41.75	42.88	41.88	41.00	41.75	40.31
	600-700	42.80	43.15	41.25	42.88	40.62	39.25	40.25	39.19
<b>Heifer beef -</b>									
Choice	500-600#	--	--	43.00	43.25	42.00	40.00	42.50	40.69
	600-700	--	--	43.00	43.25	41.00	39.50	41.50	39.88
Good	500-600	--	--	40.25	41.12	41.00	--	--	39.50
<b>Veal -</b>									
Prime	90-120#	63.50	65.00	60.00	62.50	--	--	--	--
Choice	90-120	54.50	56.80	56.50	57.50	--	--	--	--
Good	90-120	49.00	50.30	51.00	51.50	55.50	53.00	--	--
<b>Lamb -</b>									
Prime	45-55#	39.10	40.25	37.00	39.00	38.00	39.50	38.50	39.75
Choice	45-55	39.10	39.75	37.00	39.00	38.00	39.50	38.50	39.75
<b>Fresh pork -</b>									
Loins	8-12#	47.25	49.70	44.12	45.45	49.75	51.50	47.50	48.00
Butts	4-8	35.90	39.30	33.75	36.69	41.35	42.50	39.01	42.00
Spareribs	3# down	40.95	43.50	37.25	39.25	44.60	46.50	39.00	44.50
<b>Hams, smk. skd. -</b>									
Cook before eating	12-16#	46.50	47.00	--	51.25	50.50	51.25	49.50	47.50
Fully cooked	10-14#	48.00	49.00	51.00	55.25	--	--	--	--
<b>Bacon, smoked, sliced -</b>									
1# package (box lots)		50.50	51.00	50.75	55.25	52.00	58.25	49.50	54.50
<b>Picnics, smoked - (Cook before eating)</b>									
4-8#		32.35	33.50	35.50	36.25	33.75	33.00	33.50	33.50
Lard, 1# carton		13.25	15.75	14.50	17.00	17.50	18.00	16.56	17.62

**BULK PRICES - CARLOT BASIS - WEEK ENDED FEBRUARY 16, 1962**

Classification		Prices paid F.O.B.			Prices delivered	
		Chicago	Denver	Omaha	New York	Philadelphia
<b>Steer beef -</b>						
Choice	600-700#	41.50-42.00	40.50-41.00	41.00-41.50	43.50-44.00	43.50-44.00
	700-800	41.00-41.50	40.00-40.50	40.25-40.75	43.00-43.50	43.00-43.50
	800-900	41.00-41.25	40.00	40.25	42.50-43.00	42.50-43.00
Good	500-600	38.50-40.00	--	--	38.50-41.50	--
	600-700	38.00-39.50	36.50-39.00	37.75-39.25	38.50-41.50	39.50-42.00
	700-800	38.00-39.50	36.00-39.00	37.00-38.25	38.50-41.50	39.00-41.50
<b>Heifer beef -</b>						
Choice	500-600#	41.50-41.75	40.00-40.25	40.75-41.00	--	43.00-43.50
	600-700	41.50-41.75	40.00-40.25	40.75-41.00	--	43.00-43.50
Good	500-600	37.50-38.00	36.00-37.00	37.25-37.50	--	--
	600-700	37.50-38.00	36.00-36.50	37.25-37.50	--	--
<b>Cow beef - All weights -</b>						
Utility		29.00-30.00	29.00-29.50	28.25-28.75	--	31.00-31.75
Canner and Cutter		29.50-30.00	--	28.25-28.75	--	31.00-31.50
<b>Lamb -</b>						
Prime	35-45#	36.00-37.00	35.00-35.50	--	37.00-39.00	37.00-38.00
	45-55	34.50-35.50	33.50-34.00	--	36.00-37.50	36.00-37.00
	55-65	32.00-34.00	31.00-32.50	--	34.50-35.50	34.00-35.00
Choice	35-45	36.00-37.00	35.00-35.50	34.25-35.25	37.00-39.00	37.00-38.00
	45-55	34.50-35.50	33.50-34.00	33.25-34.25	36.00-37.50	36.00-37.00
	55-65	32.00-34.00	31.00-32.50	32.25-33.25	34.50-35.50	34.00-35.00
<b>Fresh pork -</b>						
Loins	8-12#	41.00-42.00	--	41.50	--	43.00-43.50

## BOSTON WOOL MARKET REVIEW

Supplies of greasy domestic worsted wools were small in the Boston market but demand for spot and early shorn medium fleece wools continued good. A few cars of medium wools moved at firm prices.

Woolen wools and noils moved slowly at about steady rates. There was a broad demand for greasy pulled wools for combing purposes.

A sealed bid sale was held at Casper, Wyoming. Activity in the territory States was slow with occasional lots contracted for future delivery. A fair volume of crutchings was sold in Texas and an occasional car of early shorn medium wools was moved in the fleece wool States.

Cabled quotations from Australia were very firm with the Continent and Japan dominating the trade but also supported by the United States and Bradford. Prices were rising at the Christchurch, New Zealand auction with local industry, the Continent and Japan the main buyers. Demand was good in South Africa with the United States and Continent active. Combing wools were in large supply and strong. About 5-10 percent of the offerings were short wools and prices advanced about two pence. Montevideo held firm with little done.

Fleece Wools - Graded 56/58s staple fleece wool sold for early delivery at \$1.07 clean basis while original bag medium grade fleeces moved at \$1.05 on a core test.

Territory Wools - Turnover of spot territory wools was practically at a standstill while occasional contracting continued in Montana at last week's prices. At Casper, Wyoming approximately 500,000 pounds of bulk fine wool in original bags sold at a sealed bid sale. Grease prices ranged from 40¢-52.90¢ delivered with clean prices for good French combing and staple wool estimated around \$1.18-1.19 and average French combing length around \$1.10-1.12 delivered.

Texas Wools - A substantial volume of clippings sold in Texas from 24¢-26½¢ grease basis, f.o.b. to the warehouse. Dealers estimated the scoured price around 90¢ delivered East.

Mohair - Trade in mohair was very slow.

Foreign Wools - Trading on spot foreign wools continued slow. Quotations from all foreign wool centers were very firm. Cabled reports at week's end follow with combing wools converted to clean U. S. oil-combed yields and short wools to scouring yields, in bond.

South Africa	
<u>Oil-combed</u>	<u>Scoured Yields</u>
7 - \$1.11	17 - \$1.05
8 - 1.10	22 - 1.04
12 - 1.09	27 - 1.02
47 - 1.10	28 - 1.00
48 - 1.07	32 - 1.00
52 - 1.07	33 - .95
53 - 1.05	

Montevideo Super Skirted Wools: 60/64s - \$1.01, 60s - 97¢, 60/58s - 95¢, 58/56s - 92¢, 56/50s - 91¢.

Australia		New Zealand	
<u>Oil-combed</u>		<u>Oil-combed</u>	
62 - \$1.16	78A - \$1.12	86 - \$.93	
62A 1.13	79 - 1.09	93 - .88	
63 - 1.12	80 - 1.05	834 - .87	
77 - 1.17	422 - 1.11	100 - .83	
78 - 1.15	423 - 1.01	107 - .80	
	424 - .97	114 - .80	
		128 - .78	

Carpet Wools - Trade in spot carpet wools was dull while all foreign carpet wool markets were firm. Russia re-entered the carpet wool market in India. Spot greasy Buenos Aires November second clip wools were offered at 73½¢ while scoured March wools were offered at 72¢ and scoured March wools for shipment were priced at 70¢. New Zealand carpet fleeces were offered for shipment at 74¢ and early shorn wool at 71¢ clean fibers present. Approximately 4,680 bales, including 600 bales of Afghan carpet wool will be offered at the Liverpool Auction on February 21.

Woolen Wools - Sales follow:

<u>Scoured Pulled Domestic</u>	<u>Scoured Pulled Foreign</u>
56/58s 2-3" lt. gray 70¢	N.Z. 56/58s 2-3" white \$1.15-1.16
<u>Scoured Shorn Domestic</u>	<u>Greasy Pulled Foreign</u> (Clean basis, duty paid)
12 mos. Tex. \$1.25-1.29	N.Z. 56/58s second slipes \$1.05
Fall Texas .95-1.00	N.Z. 48/50s 3-4" for shipment \$1.05
<u>Noils</u>	<u>Scoured Shorn Foreign</u>
Clear Aust. 64s nobles 88¢	Aust. 62s locks and pieces 86¢
Clear Cape 70s schlums 69¢	
Clear Aust. 56s schlums 65¢	
Clear Aust. 64s French 68¢-70¢	
Gd. dom. 56s nobles 55¢	

Wool Tops - Trade in wool tops remained dull. There was a continued demand for oil and dry-combed fleece 54s tops.

<u>Warp Aust. D/C</u>	<u>Warp Dom. D/C</u>
70s - \$1.91	\$1.81
64s - 1.81	1.75
62s - 1.71	1.68
60s - 1.64	1.61
58/60s- 1.56	1.55

CLOSING FUTURES QUOTATIONS - Feb. 15, 1962 (Furnished by the Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange)

March wool tops - \$1.613 (Bid)
May wool tops - 1.593 (Bid)
64s grade - 2.55" minimum length
March wool - \$1.220 (Traded)
May wool - 1.210 (Bid)
64s grade - 2½" average stretched length



## ANNUAL LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY INVENTORY - JANUARY 1, 1962

(Following summary based on the complete report released by the Crop Reporting Board, AMS, February 13, 1962)

**CATTLE:** The January 1, 1962 inventory of cattle and calves on farms and ranches totaled 99,500,000 head--2 percent above the 97,319,000 head on farms and ranches a year earlier and 7 percent greater than the 1951-60 average of 92,616,000 head. The number of milk cows and dairy replacement heifers continued to decline, showing a 1 percent drop from a year earlier. This reduction was more than offset by a 3 percent increase in other cattle, mostly beef-type. The January 1 total for all cattle is the highest of record for this date and this is the 4th consecutive year cattle numbers have shown an increase.

Changes in cattle numbers from a year earlier were smaller for most States. Kansas, with a gain of 7 percent, had the largest percentage increase of any State. Kentucky was next with a 6 percent increase. Five percent gains were made in Missouri, Nebraska, and Washington. Nine States showed no changes in numbers from a year earlier. Texas, with almost one-tenth of the Nation's cattle, had an increase of 3 percent. Eleven States had fewer cattle on farms and ranches on January 1, 1962, than a year earlier, with the largest percentage drop being 3 percent for Idaho.

Commercial cattle slaughter in 1961 totaled 25,609,500 head, up 2 percent from 1960. Calf slaughter at 7,684,200 head was down 7 percent. Live cattle imported from Mexico and Canada during 1961 totaled 1,046,498 head compared with 672,691 head in 1960.

Milk cows and heifers 2 years old and over, at 19,215,000 head, were down 1 percent from January 1, 1961. This was 14 percent below the 10-year average and the 8th consecutive year to show a decrease. The number of dairy replacement heifers 1-2 years of age declined 1 percent and, at 4,996,000 head, dipped below the 5 million level for the first time since 1938. Heifer calves kept for milk were up 1 percent.

The number of other cattle (all cattle less milk cows and dairy replacement heifers) showed a gain of 3 percent from January 1, 1961. Cows other than those kept for milk increased 4 percent from a year earlier, reaching a record high of 28.1 million head. This was the 4th consecutive year of increase for this group. Other heifers 1-2 years of age totaled 7.2 million head, 3 percent above January 1, 1961. Steers 1 year old and older at 10.9 million head equalled the number a year earlier. Other calves at 21.7 million head were up 5 percent to total the largest number of record. Bulls 1 year old and older were about equal in number to a year earlier. Included in the inventory numbers for January 1 were 8.3 million head of cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market.

**HOGS:** The number of hogs on farms January 1, 1962, at 56,982,000 head, was 3 percent more than the 55,443,000 hogs a year earlier and 4 percent above the 10-year average. All of the Corn Belt (12 North Central) States showed increases over last year. On January 1, 1962 these States accounted for 77 percent of the United States total. Iowa, the leading hog State, with 23 percent of the total, showed a 4 percent increase over last year. Increases in other important States included: Illinois up 8 percent, Indiana 5 percent, Missouri 1 percent, Ohio 2 percent, and Nebraska 8 percent. In the 36 States outside the Corn Belt, January 1 inventory numbers were larger than a year earlier in 5 States, the same in 6, and down in the remaining 25 States.

The number of hogs under 6 months of age totaled 37,959,000 head--up 2 percent from last year. The fall pig crop which accounts for most of the pigs under 6 months of age was 4 percent larger than the 1960 fall crop. Sows and gilts at 8,056,000 head were 3 percent above a year earlier. Hogs 6 months and older (excluding sows and gilts for breeding), at 10,967,000 head, were up 6 percent from January 1, 1961.

**SHEEP:** Stock sheep and lambs on farms and ranches declined 4 percent during the past year and totaled 27,281,000 head on hand January 1, 1962. This was the smallest inventory since 1958 and compares with the 1951-60 average January 1 number of 27,437,000 head. Sheep and lambs on feed for market totaled 4,165,000 head--nearly 6 percent below the level of a year earlier. The number of all sheep and lambs (stock numbers plus those on feed for market) at 31,446,000 head was 5 percent less than a year earlier.

Inventories of each class of stock sheep were lower than a year earlier. The 10 percent drop in ewe lamb numbers was the most pronounced decrease of all classes. All regions showed a decrease. The number of ewes 1 year old and over declined 4 percent during the year. Wether and ram lambs decreased 2 percent and rams 1 year old and over were down 3 percent.

Total stock sheep numbers in the 13 Western States (11 Western States, Texas, and South Dakota) decreased 5 percent. This was the second consecutive year that these States, as a group, showed a decline. Each of these States had fewer stock sheep and lambs on hand this January than a year earlier. Montana showed the greatest decline--down 11 percent. Stock sheep numbers declined 4 percent in the 35 Native States--a continuation of a down trend in evidence since 1958. Kansas and New York were the only States which increased stock sheep numbers during 1961.

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: NUMBER ON FARMS JANUARY 1, 1953-62, FOR THE UNITED STATES <sup>1/</sup>

Year	Cattle	Cow 2 years : + for milk <sup>2/</sup>	Hogs	Stock sheep	Chickens	Turkeys
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head
1953 .....	94,241	23,549	51,755	27,593	398,158	5,086
1954 .....	95,679	23,896	45,114	27,079	396,776	4,956
1955 .....	96,592	23,462	50,474	27,137	390,708	4,917
1956 .....	95,900	22,912	55,354	26,890	383,690	4,937
1957 .....	92,860	22,325	51,897	26,348	391,363	5,828
1958 .....	91,176	21,265	51,517	27,167	374,281	5,612
1959 .....	93,322	20,132	58,045	28,108	387,002	6,105
1960 .....	96,236	19,527	59,026	28,849	369,484	5,633
1961 .....	97,319	19,342	55,443	28,556	360,576	6,770
1962 .....	99,500	19,215	56,982	27,281	365,477	6,352

<sup>1/</sup> Does not include Hawaii and Alaska. <sup>2/</sup> Included in all cattle.

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY, BY CLASSES, UNITED STATES, JANUARY 1 <sup>1/</sup>

Class	Average 1951-60	1960	1961	1962	1962 as percent of 1961
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent
Cattle and calves .....	92,616	96,236	97,319	99,500	102
Kept for milk .....	33,840	30,181	29,948	29,805	100
Cows 2 yrs. and older .....	22,370	19,527	19,342	19,215	99
Heifers 1 to 2 yrs. ....	5,467	5,079	5,060	4,996	99
Heifer calves .....	6,004	5,575	5,546	5,594	101
Other cattle .....	58,776	66,055	67,371	69,695	103
Cows 2 yrs. and older .....	23,892	26,344	27,028	28,111	104
Heifers 1 to 2 yrs. ....	6,214	7,036	7,047	7,240	103
Calves .....	17,976	20,425	20,652	21,698	105
Steers 1 yr. and older .....	8,948	10,574	10,942	10,947	100
Bulls 1 yr. and older .....	1,747	1,676	1,702	1,699	100
Sheep and lambs .....	31,626	33,170	32,967	31,446	95
On feed .....	4,189	4,321	4,411	4,165	94
Stock sheep .....	27,437	28,849	28,556	27,281	96
Lambs .....	4,978	5,283	5,001	4,556	91
Ewe .....	4,209	4,562	4,115	3,684	90
Wether and ram .....	769	721	886	872	98
1 yr. and older .....	22,459	23,566	23,555	22,725	96
Ewes .....	21,358	22,406	22,396	21,603	96
Rams .....	864	927	924	898	97
Wethers .....	236	233	235	224	95
Hogs and pigs .....	54,757	59,026	55,443	56,982	103
Under 6 months .....	32,985	38,747	37,271	37,959	102
6 months and older .....	21,772	20,279	18,172	19,023	105
Sows and gilts .....	8,620	7,531	7,800	8,056	103
Others .....	13,152	12,748	10,372	10,967	106
Chickens .....	394,900	369,484	360,576	365,477	101
Hens .....	125,767	126,747	132,613	129,261	97
Pullets .....	245,648	225,019	210,076	218,065	104
Others .....	23,486	17,718	17,887	18,151	101

<sup>1/</sup> Does not include Hawaii and Alaska.

Statistical Reporting Service - Crop Reporting Board.

MEAT AND MEAT FOOD PRODUCTS PREPARED AND PROCESSED  
UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

Product	Week ended -				
	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Feb.
	6 1962	13 1962	20 1962	27 1962	3 1962
	<u>1,000#</u>	<u>1,000#</u>	<u>1,000#</u>	<u>1,000#</u>	<u>1,000#</u>
Placed in cure -					
Beef <u>1/</u> . . . . .	2,922	3,124	3,167	3,290	3,329
Pork <u>1/</u> . . . . .	52,878	65,996	64,697	59,661	60,037
Other <u>1/</u> . . . . .	61	79	48	241	61
Smoked and / or dried -					
Beef <u>1/</u> . . . . .	866	1,003	806	1,338	1,297
Pork <u>1/</u> . . . . .	40,255	48,052	48,395	44,180	44,153
Cooked meat -					
Beef. . . . .	912	971	1,029	1,112	985
Pork. . . . .	3,612	4,422	4,406	4,019	3,991
Other . . . . .	57	90	65	25	117
Sausage -					
Fresh finished. . . . .	4,974	6,236	6,262	5,572	5,579
To be dried or semi-dried	2,301	2,743	2,504	2,354	2,351
Franks, wieners . . . . .	11,540	12,696	12,853	12,310	12,465
Other, smoked or cooked .	11,201	13,354	13,510	13,044	12,724
Loaf, head cheese, chili, jellied products. . . . .	3,250	3,824	4,128	3,899	3,798
Steaks, chops, roasts . . .	11,754	13,645	13,230	12,136	12,758
Meat extract. . . . .	7	5	20	308	11
Sliced bacon <u>1/</u> . . . . .	19,060	22,480	21,679	19,485	18,636
Sliced, other <u>1/</u> <u>2/</u> . . . .	5,278	6,159	6,742	6,279	6,692
Hamburger . . . . .	4,987	5,456	5,235	4,713	4,341
Miscellaneous meat product.	5,474	6,010	6,932	6,698	8,100
Lard, rendered . . . . .	35,153	40,944	40,961	37,440	38,441
Lard, refined . . . . .	25,294	29,397	30,336	26,971	29,623
Oleo stock . . . . .	1,222	1,492	1,665	1,535	1,794
Edible tallow . . . . .	7,366	8,448	8,458	8,827	7,795
Rendered pork fat -					
Rendered . . . . .	1,681	1,885	1,819	2,463	1,614
Refined . . . . .	948	1,400	1,207	689	902
Compound containing animal fat	14,027	17,673	17,778	16,348	19,564
Oleomargarine " " "	3,642	4,253	4,617	3,046	5,030
Canned product (for civilian use and Dept. of Defense).	47,259	59,125	61,879	58,635	64,349
Total <u>1/</u> . . . . .	317,985	380,961	384,427	356,618	370,535

1/ This figure represents "inspection pounds" as some of the products may have been inspected and recorded more than once due to having been subjected to more than one distinct processing treatment, such as curing first, then smoking, slicing.

2/ Includes sliced dried beef, sliced sausage, loaves, etc.

Meat Inspection Branch, Agricultural Research Service.



## MEAT AND MEAT FOOD PRODUCTS PREPARED AND PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - CONTINUED

Product	Week ended - 1962									
	Jan. 6		Jan. 13		Jan. 20		Jan. 27		Feb. 3	
	3 lb. Under	3 lb. or over	3 lb. Under	3 lb. or over	3 lb. Under	3 lb. or over	3 lb. Under	3 lb. or over	3 lb. Under	3 lb. or over
Canned product (For civilian use only)	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#
Luncheon meat . . . . .	2,119	2,428	2,644	3,713	2,532	4,209	2,947	3,002	2,454	4,353
Canned hams . . . . .	4,385	76	5,717	73	6,451	497	6,592	76	6,914	44
Corned beef hash . . . . .	48	1,157	73	807	125	1,393	80	1,283	84	700
Chili con carne . . . . .	146	3,176	99	3,272	253	2,923	178	3,378	593	4,331
Viennas . . . . .	50	923	43	1,177	58	1,176	98	1,185	100	1,273
Franks, wieners in brine . . . . .	--	49	1	20	1	21	1	26	5	18
Deviled ham. . . . .	--	144	--	629	--	124	--	220	--	204
Other potted or deviled meat food products. . . . .	--	547	--	415	--	650	--	451	--	739
Tamales . . . . .	41	600	53	723	17	679	76	673	58	844
Sliced dried beef . . . . .	5	49	5	53	--	54	7	59	3	64
Chopped beef . . . . .	8	81	8	116	--	160	--	83	--	162
Meat stew (all products) . . . . .	4	1,859	65	2,464	50	3,504	90	2,511	60	2,994
Spaghetti meat products . . . . .	16	2,467	76	2,650	44	3,017	43	2,105	53	3,117
Tongue (other than pickled). . . . .	5	17	7	18	4	12	5	9	8	11
Vinegar pickled products . . . . .	148	241	206	287	220	279	246	297	192	282
Bulk sausage . . . . .	--	121	--	165	--	145	3	109	--	85
Hamburger, rstd. or corned beef, meat & gravy . . . . .	363	4,877	194	5,411	169	5,441	230	5,256	767	4,545
Soups . . . . .	338	12,412	472	15,241	348	15,118	573	14,428	542	15,267
Sausage in oil . . . . .	73	53	75	40	47	108	141	53	129	40
Tripe . . . . .	--	75	--	81	--	63	--	57	--	103
Brains . . . . .	--	21	--	51	--	45	--	59	--	30
Canned loins and picnics . . . . .	448	--	523	20	517	21	503	11	433	170
All other with meat and/or meat byproducts -										
20% or more . . . . .	228	1,505	166	2,481	135	2,774	127	2,080	263	2,268
Less than 20% . . . . .	225	4,004	176	6,482	293	6,384	260	6,951	281	7,669
Total . . . . .	8,652	36,883	10,605	46,392	11,264	48,801	12,201	44,360	12,939	49,313

Note: See footnote at bottom of page 153.

## COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS OF MEATS AND LARD, JANUARY 31, 1962

Refrigerated stocks of red meats totaled 482 million pounds on February 1 following a contra-seasonal decline of 3 million pounds during January. This reduction compares with an increase of 22 million pounds during January last year and a 5-year average rise of 28 million pounds. An 8-million-pound net increase in total pork stocks brought February 1 holdings to 208 million pounds. This compares with a 31-million-pound gain during January 1961 and the average increase of 30 million pounds. Frozen pork gained 6 million pounds to total 170 million pounds on February 1 and cured pork increased 2 million pounds to 39 million pounds. Other meats increased 2 million pounds during January and amounted to 87 million pounds on February 1.

UNITED STATES STORAGE HOLDINGS OF MEATS AND LARD, JAN. 31, 1962, WITH COMPARISONS  
(Includes holdings in public, private and semi-private  
cold storage houses and meat packing plants)

Commodity	January 1957-61 av. 1,000 lb.	January 1961 1,000 lb.	December 1961 1,000 lb.	January 1962 1,000 lb.
<b>Beef:</b>				
Frozen . . . . .	165,009	147,301	188,792	174,610
In cure and cured . . . . .	12,700	9,091	11,195	11,739
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>177,709</b>	<b>156,392</b>	<b>199,987</b>	<b>186,349</b>
<b>Pork, frozen:</b>				
Picnics . . . . .	9,563	6,553	8,003	4,474
Hams . . . . .	45,601	41,959	15,734	30,362
Bellies . . . . .	62,763	43,039	39,532	43,700
Loins . . . . .	1/	6,729	9,352	7,315
Jowls . . . . .	1/	6,771	6,074	5,656
Butts . . . . .	1/	3,284	3,319	2,654
Spareribs . . . . .	1/	7,844	10,555	9,979
Trimnings . . . . .	1/	10,354	11,783	11,144
Other pork . . . . .	82,008	36,923	59,255	54,319
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>199,935</b>	<b>163,456</b>	<b>163,607</b>	<b>169,603</b>
<b>Pork in cooler:</b>				
Dry salt bellies . . . . .	10,566	7,305	7,258	7,978
Other dry salt pork . . . . .	8,031	5,168	5,072	5,137
Other pork cuts . . . . .	34,073	24,798	24,125	25,597
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>52,670</b>	<b>37,271</b>	<b>36,455</b>	<b>38,712</b>
<b>Total pork . . . . .</b>	<b>252,605</b>	<b>200,727</b>	<b>200,062</b>	<b>208,315</b>
<b>Other meats and meat products:</b>				
Veal, frozen . . . . .	13,664	13,175	11,389	9,296
Lamb and mutton, frozen . . . . .	10,197	12,352	17,603	15,576
<b>Canned meats in cooler:</b>				
Hams . . . . . 2/	(61,647	36,625	28,677	35,341
Other meats . . . . .	(	26,353	27,425	27,004
<b>Total all meats . . . . .</b>	<b>515,822</b>	<b>445,624</b>	<b>485,143</b>	<b>481,881</b>
<b>Lard, rendered and refined 3/</b>	<b>112,197</b>	<b>114,300</b>	<b>108,100</b>	<b>4/</b>
<b>GOVERNMENT HOLDINGS 5/ -</b>				
Pork . . . . .	4,630	2,237	2,430	1,785
Beef . . . . .	7,967	2,657	3,119	2,151

1/ No historical data available. 2/ Includes other canned meats. 3/ In dry and cold storage as reported by Bureau of Census. 4/ Not available. 5/ Government holdings are included in the totals and consist of reported stocks held by U. S. D. A., the Armed Services and other Government Agencies.



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## RETAIL SALES VALUE COMPARISONS OF 600-POUND CHOICE GRADE BEEF CARCASSES

Recent studies by the Department of Agriculture have shown that there is a great deal of variation in the retail sales value among beef carcasses of the same USDA grade. These variations are caused by differences in yields of retail cuts resulting from differences in fatness and muscling. To illustrate these value differences, beginning with this issue and continuing on a monthly basis, retail sales values per hundredweight of carcasses will be published for 600-pound Choice grade beef carcasses with high, intermediate, and low yields of retail cuts. The yields of retail cuts used for the high and low groups do not represent the extremes encountered in Choice grade carcasses of this weight. Rather, they are intended to represent carcasses of this weight and grade with yields of retail cuts typical of the upper and lower thirds of the total range encountered.

These values are based on yields of retail cuts resulting from a style of cutting followed by many retailers throughout the country. They do not allow for shrinkage, cutting, and other losses encountered in retail operations since these do not reflect basic differences among carcasses.

Values are calculated from prices furnished to the Marketing Economics Division of the Economic Research Service by a large number of selected retailers throughout the country.

## RETAIL SALES VALUE COMPARISONS OF 600-POUND CHOICE GRADE BEEF CARCASSES\*

January 1962

	<u>High</u>	<u>Intermediate</u>	<u>Low</u>
Percentage of carcass weight in retail cuts	78.9%	74.3%	69.7%
Retail sales value per cwt. of carcass	\$66.80	\$63.34	\$59.89

\* These values reflect differences in the percentage of retail cuts from carcasses within the Choice grade. The high and low groups do not represent extremes, but rather are intended to represent carcasses typical of the upper and lower thirds of the total range in retail cut yields encountered in 600-pound Choice grade carcasses.